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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document:

1. Japanese Patent No. 10-287837 discloses an evaluation method based on the coma of the microscope of the alignment sensor in which wide patterns and narrow patterns are alternatively arranged on a silicon wafer at regular intervals and the intervals are observed by means of an alignment sensor. An English language abstract is also enclosed.

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